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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

NAME AND MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. The name of this Society shall be the DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.*

SEC. 2. All persons duly qualified, who have been regularly admitted by the National Board of Management, shall be members of the National Society, but for purposes of convenience they may be organized into local Chapters as hereinafter provided.

ARTICLE II.

OBJECTS OF THE SOCIETY.

The objects of this Society are :

(1) To perpetuate the memory and the spirit of the men and women who achieved American Independence by the acquisition and protection of historical spots and the erection of monuments; by the encouragement of historical research in relation to the Revolution and the publication of its results; by the preservation of documents and relics, and of the records of the individual services of Revolutionary soldiers and patriots, and by the promotion of celebrations of all patriotic anniversaries.

* Article I, Section 1, should read: The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. (See National Charter.)

(2) To carry out the injunction of Washington in his farewell address to the American people, "To promote, as an object of primary importance, institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge," thus developing an enlightened public opinion, and affording to young and old such advantages as shall develop in them the largest capacity for performing the duties of American citizens.

(3) To cherish, maintain, and extend the institutions of American freedom, to foster true patriotism and love of country, and to aid in securing for mankind all the blessings of liberty.

ARTICLE III.

ELIGIBILITY AND ADMISSION.

SECTION 1. Any woman may be eligible for membership who is of the age of eighteen years, and who is descended from a man or woman who, with unfailing loyalty, rendered material aid to the cause of Independence; from a recognized patriot, a soldier or sailor or civil officer, in one of the several Colonies or States, or of the United Colonies or States; provided that the applicant be acceptable to the Society.

SEC. 2. Every applicant for membership must be endorsed by at least one member of the National Society, and her application shall then be submitted to the Registrars General,* who shall report on the question

* In localities where Chapters are organized the application should be sent through the Chapter Registrar. (See Article VII, Section 2.)

of eligibility to the General Board of Management, when the question of admission shall be voted on by the Board by ballot, and if a majority of said Board approves such application, the applicant, after payment of the initiation fee, shall be enrolled as a member of the National Society.

SEC. 3. All persons whose applications are approved on or before October 11, 1891, shall be charter members of the National Society.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY.

SECTION 1. The officers of the National Society shall be a President General, Vice President General in Charge of Organization of Chapters, eight Vice Presidents General, one Recording and one Corresponding Secretary General, two Registrars General, one Treasurer General, one Historian General, one Surgeon General, one Chaplain General, and such other officers as shall be found necessary. These officers shall be elected by ballot by a vote of the majority of the members present at the annual meeting of the Continental Congress of the Society, and shall hold office for one year and until their successors shall be elected. No officer shall be eligible to the same office for more than two years consecutively.

SEC. 2. The number of Vice Presidents General may be increased from time to time, not to exceed twenty in all, by a vote of two-thirds of the Board of Management.

SEC. 3. In addition to the active officers named in Section 1 of this Article there may be Honorary Vice Presidents General and Honorary

State Regents to be chosen from among those members who have rendered valuable service to the Society. The power to elect Honorary Vice Presidents General shall be vested in the Continental Congress. The power to elect Honorary State Regents for the several States and Territories shall be vested in the delegates to the Continental Congress from such State or Territory respectively.

SEC. 4. All active and honorary officers shall possess the qualifications of eligibility of regular members of the Society.*

ARTICLE V.

THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS.

SECTION 1. The Continental Congress of the National Society shall be composed of all the active officers of the National Society, one State Regent from each State, and the Regents and Delegates of each organized Chapter in the United States.

SEC. 2. Each Chapter having fifty members may elect one delegate to the Continental Congress in addition to its Regent, and each Chapter having seventy-five members may elect a second additional delegate. Other delegates may be elected in the proportion of one to every fifty members over and above the first seventy-five.† Only members who

* All regents and officers, active and honorary, must be accepted members of the National Society before they can hold office of any kind. (See Article III, Section 2.)

† Regents and Delegates unable to attend the Congress must be represented by duly elected Alternates.

have paid their dues for the official year then current shall be entitled to representation.

SEC. 3. The annual meeting of the Continental Congress shall be held in Washington City, D. C., during the week in which the 22d day of February falls. At this meeting the report of the Board of Management shall be considered; all the officers of the National Society shall be elected by ballot, and such business transacted as the good of the Society may require.

SEC. 4. Special meetings shall be called by the Board of Management, or by the President General when directed so to do by the Board of Management, or when requested in writing so to do by twenty-five or more members, representing Chapters in at least three States, on giving thirty days' notice, specifying the time and place of meeting and the business to be transacted.

SEC. 5. All Honorary and Ex-Officers of the National Society may attend the meetings of the Continental Congress and participate in its deliberations, but shall not be entitled to a vote.

ARTICLE VI.

NATIONAL BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

SECTION I. The National Board of Management shall be composed of the active officers of the National Society and a State Regent from each State or Territory, to be chosen by the Delegates from each State and

Territory to the Continental Congress at the annual meeting. The officers of the National Society shall be *ex-officio* officers of the Board of Management. The Board shall meet at least once every four months, and at such times as the exigencies of the Society may demand, on the call of the President. Seven members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SEC. 2. The Board of Management shall have full power to manage the business of the Society, to enact by-laws, prescribe rules and regulations for the guidance of the officers of the Society, to approve all applications for membership, to establish new offices if necessary, to fill vacancies in office till the next meeting of the Congress, and in general to do all things necessary for the prosperity and success of the Society, subject, however, to the approval of the Continental Congress; but all acts of the Board shall be legal and binding until disapproved by the Congress.

SEC. 3. A National Executive Committee of nine, of which the President General shall be Chairman *ex-officio*, shall be elected by the National Board of Management from its members, and shall, in the interim between the meetings of the Board, transact such business as shall be delegated to it by the National Board of Management.

SEC. 4. The President General may call meetings of the National Board of Management and the Executive Committee at any time she may deem necessary, and shall call such meeting upon the written request of

any five members thereof, provide that not less than five days' notice of the time and place of such meeting shall be given.

ARTICLE VII.

CHAPTERS.

SECTION 1. When twelve members of the Society shall be living in one locality they may, after formal authorization by the National Board of Management, organize a Chapter. They may elect a presiding officer, whose title will be Regent, and who will be a delegate to the Continental Congress of the National Society, a Secretary, a Registrar, and such other officers as may be required.*

* It will be observed from the foregoing and Article IV, Section 4, of the By-Laws, that in order to facilitate the organization and extension of the Society in all the States and Territories of the Union, two methods of forming Chapters are allowable under the Constitution.

One method authorizes twelve members of the Society living in one locality to come together to form a Chapter and *elect* a Regent, Secretary, Registrar, Treasurer, other officers, and, if desired, a Local Board of Management.

The other method contemplates the selection and appointment by the State Regent (or in States that have no State Regent, by the Vice President General in Charge of Organization) of Chapter Regents, to whom authority is given to form Chapters in given localities, and to *appoint* officers for those Chapters for the *first* year.

Both methods are legitimate and consistent with the spirit of the Constitution. Twelve members in both cases must be obtained before the Chapter can be organized. No one shall be a member of more than one Chapter at the same time.

SEC. 2. After a Local Board of Management shall have been established, all applications for membership shall be passed upon by the Local Board, and if the applicant shall be deemed satisfactory and her eligibility established, the application shall receive the endorsement of the Regent, Secretary, and Registrar, and be forwarded to the National Board of Management for final action.

SEC. 3. The local Chapters may enact by-laws for their own government, in harmony with the Constitution of the National Society.

ARTICLE VIII.

INITIATION, DUES AND LIABILITIES.

SECTION 1. The initiation fee to the National Society shall be one dollar, and the annual dues two dollars, payable in advance on or before the 22d day of February in each year.

SEC. 2. The payment of twenty-five dollars at one time shall constitute a life membership and exempt the member from further payment of dues.

SEC. 3. The local Chapters shall be entitled to retain one-half of the annual dues and one-half of the life-membership fees paid to them, respectively, for their own use. The local Chapters may by by-law make provision for the collection of additional dues for their own use.

SEC. 4. The sum of three dollars, covering initiation fee and the annual dues for the current year, must accompany each application presented to the National Society direct. The sum of two dollars, covering the initiation fee and one-half the annual dues for the current year, shall

accompany each application forwarded to the National Society, through any local Chapter.

SEC. 5. A member who shall remain in arrears for dues for three months after notice of her indebtedness has been sent her may be dropped from the rolls by the Board of Management; but no one shall be dropped until after two notices of arrears shall have been given her.

SEC. 6. No debt or liability, except the ordinary current expenses of the National Society, shall be incurred, nor any project or plan requiring the expenditure of money shall be entered into for which the National Society shall be responsible, except by a vote of three-fourths of the Board of Management; and every obligation for the payment of money, except checks drawn against deposits, executed in the name or in behalf of the National Society, shall be null and void.

ARTICLE IX.

AMENDMENTS.

Amendments to this Constitution may be offered at any meeting of the Board of Management, but shall not be acted upon until the next meeting thereof. If approved by a majority of the Board, a copy thereof shall be sent to the Regent and Secretary of every Chapter, and to each State Regent, at least thirty days prior to the meeting of the Continental Congress of the Society at which it is proposed to be acted upon, and if adopted by a majority of the Congress such amendment shall be in full force thereafter.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Nominations of officers shall be made from the floor, and the election shall be by ballot. A majority shall elect.

ARTICLE II.

OFFICERS.

SECTION I. The duties of the general officers shall be such as usually appertain to their offices, and they shall have such other duties as are hereinafter imposed. They shall report at the annual meeting, and at such other times as may, by the National Board of Management, be directed.*

*No officer of the National Society, nor State Regent, nor Chapter Regent is authorized to issue circulars in regard to the National Society or organization of Chapters *without approval of the Board*. This is necessary in order to preserve uniformity and to prevent conflict of authority.

SEC. 2. When a National Officer is unable to attend to the duties of her office, either by absence from the city or otherwise, she shall report such fact to the Board of Management, and the Board shall thereupon appoint one of its members to temporarily perform the duties of such office.

ARTICLE III.

PRESIDENT GENERAL.

SECTION I. The President General, in addition to her general duties, shall be *ex officio* Chairman of the National Board of Management and of the Executive Committee, and a member of every other committee.

SEC. 2. At each annual meeting she shall appoint the following Standing Committees :

Finance Committee,
Auditing Committee,
Printing Committee,
Revolutionary Relics Committee.

The duties of the above committees shall be such as usually pertain to committees of like character, and such as may be defined by the Board of Management.

ARTICLE IV.

VICE PRESIDENTS GENERAL AND STATE REGENTS.

SECTION I. In the absence of the President General from any session of the Continental Congress, or from a meeting of the National Board of

Management, one of the Vice Presidents General shall be elected to preside.*

SEC. 2. In the prolonged absence or inability to act of the President General the executive authority shall be vested in the Vice President General who may be selected by the Board of Management for that purpose.

SEC. 3. The Vice President General in Charge of Organization of Chapters shall have authority to nominate one State Regent for the first year, to be elected by the Board.† She shall have general supervision of the organization of Chapters, in connection with the respective State Regents, and shall perform such other duties as may be entrusted to her by the National Board of Management.

SEC. 4. The State Regents shall have power to appoint the Regents of Chapters in their respective States and Territories for the first year, subject to the approval of the National Board of Management,‡ and be charged with the active work of organization therein, subject to the general supervision of the Vice President General in Charge of Organization of Chapters.

SEC. 5. The Regents of Chapters shall have power to appoint the officers of their respective Chapters for the first year.

* See election of First Vice President General by Continental Congress of 1896.

† After the first year the State Regent is elected by the Delegates from her State to the Continental Congress.

‡ See foot note to Constitution, Article VII.

SEC. 6. No State or Honorary State Regent shall be appointed or elected who is not a resident of the State she represents ; and no one shall hold more than one office at the same time in the Daughters of the American Revolution.

SEC. 7. No officer shall be elected by the National Board of Management at the same meeting at which she is nominated. The name of the candidate for election must be presented in writing, together with the qualifications that would make her a desirable member, and the election shall be by ballot. (Adopted April 5, 1894.)

ARTICLE V.

SECRETARIES GENERAL.

SECTION 1. The Recording Secretary General shall keep a record of all the meetings of the National Society, the Board of Management, and the Executive Committee ; have charge of the seal ; give due notice of all meetings of the National Society or National Board of Management or Executive Committee ; give due notice to all General Officers and Chapters of all votes, orders and proceedings affecting or appertaining to their duties, and generally perform such acts as pertain to her office.

SEC. 2. The Corresponding Secretary General shall attend to all correspondence of the Society and Board of Management ; distribute all pamphlets, circulars, and supplies which are gratuitously issued, as directed by the National Board of Management, and perform such other duties as may be directed by the Board.

ARTICLE VI.

TREASURER GENERAL.

The Treasurer General shall have charge of the funds and securities of the National Society. She shall deposit the same in such banking institution, in the city of Washington, as the National Board of Management shall select to the credit of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and draw thereon, by check, when so directed by the Continental Congress, or National Board of Management. All bills, except such as the Board of Management shall specifically exempt, shall be countersigned by the Chairman of the Finance Committee. The Treasurer General shall make an annual report to the Continental Congress. Her report and accounts shall be submitted to the Auditing Committee. She shall give bond for the faithful discharge of the duties above defined.

ARTICLE VII.

REGISTRARS GENERAL.

The Registrars General shall keep a register of the names and dates of the election, resignation or death of all members of the several Chapters,* and shall have the care and custody of all applications for membership, duplicates of which, properly approved by the National Officers, shall be retained by the Registrars of the Chapters. The Registrars General shall

* And of the National Society at large.

examine all applications for membership, and approve the same if the applicant is found eligible ; if not, they shall return the same for correction, pointing out its defects. They shall report all applications to the National Board of Management for final action.

ARTICLE VIII.

HISTORIAN GENERAL.

The Historian General shall have the custody of all the historical and biographical collections of which the National Society may become possessed, and shall catalogue and arrange the same, and shall place the same in a fireproof repository for preservation. She shall prepare, for official publication by the Society, historical and biographical sketches of the Revolutionary ancestry of members, and of distinguished women of the Revolution.

ARTICLE IX.

CHAPLAIN GENERAL.

The Chaplain General shall conduct such services as occasion may require.

ARTICLE X.

SURGEON GENERAL.

The Surgeon General shall examine into the sanitary condition of the place selected for the Continental Congress and report on the same before the Congress convenes ; and she shall provide medical attendance, with

facilities for prompt relief, in case of accident or illness of members during the Congress; and perform such other duties as may be entrusted to her by the Board of Management.

ARTICLE XI.

CHAPTERS.

Every Chapter shall

(1) Notify the Corresponding Secretary General of the election and appointment of all Officers and Delegates.

(2) Pay to the Treasurer General on or before the 22d day of February the sum of one dollar for each active member thereof.

(3) Transmit to the Registrar General all approved applications for membership for final action by the Board, and notify her of the resignation or death of any member thereof.

(4) Duplicates of such reports shall be sent by each Chapter to its State Regent.

(5) Each Chapter shall elect a Regent, Secretary, Registrar, Treasurer, other officers, and Local Board of Management at that time of the year that best suits its convenience, but the Delegates *must* be elected on or before the 1st of February preceding the Continental Congress.

(6) Each Chapter shall be entitled, upon payment of the costs thereof, to a certificate or charter duly certifying its name, location, date, officers, and organizing members, which shall be signed by the President General

and Recording Secretary General, attested by the seal of the National Society and countersigned by the State Regent.

(7) Chapters must not be named for living persons; and unless there is good and sufficient reason they should not be named for persons who belong to a later historical period than the one ending in 1820.

ARTICLE XII.

SEAL.

The seal of the Society shall be one and seven-eighths of an inch in diameter, charged with the figure of a dame of the Revolutionary time



sitting at her spinning wheel with thirteen stars above her, the whole surrounded by a rim containing the legend, "Daughters of the American Revolution, 1776-1890," and the motto, "Home and Country."*

ARTICLE XIII.

CERTIFICATES.

Each member of the Society shall be entitled to a certificate of membership, duly attested by the President General, Recording Secretary General, a Registrar General, and the seal of the National Society.

ARTICLE XIV.

INSIGNIA.

The insignia of the Society shall consist of a badge in the form of a spinning-wheel and distaff, to be worn on ceremonial occasions upon a bow of ribbon. The wheel is seven-eighths of an inch in diameter and of gold, with thirteen spokes, and a field of light blue enamel upon its tire bearing the name of the Society in letters of gold. Upon its outer rim, opposite the ends of the spokes, are thirteen small stars, which may be set with precious stones at the discretion of the owner. Underneath the wheel is a golden distaff one and one-half inches long filled with silver flax. Upon the back of the wheel the registration number of the owner shall be engraved, and her name may be added. The ribbon to be worn

* See foot note Article I, Section 1, of the Constitution.



with the wheel is dark blue with a white edge, ribbed and watered, following the colors of Washington's staff. A rosette of the prescribed ribbon, attached to a stick pin, may be worn as an informal badge upon ordinary occasions.

ARTICLE XV.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

At the meetings of the Board of Management the following order of business shall be observed: 1st. Prayer by Chaplain General. 2d. Reading of minutes of previous meetings and their approval. 3d. Reports of Officers and Standing Committees. 4th. Reports of Select Committees. 5th. Unfinished business. 6th. New business. 7th. Miscellaneous business.

ARTICLE XVI.

DISCIPLINE.

Any member conducting herself, either at the Chapter meetings or elsewhere, in a way calculated to disturb the harmony of the Society, or to impair its good name or prosperity, or to injure the reputation of any member thereof, may, after thorough investigation, be reprimanded, suspended, or expelled, as the National Board of Management may decide.

ARTICLE XVII.

AMENDMENTS.

These By-Laws may be altered or amended by a vote of three-fourths of the members present at any meeting of the National Board of Management, written notice thereof having been given at a previous meeting.*

* Resolution passed March 1, 1894. "That important questions shall be presented at one Board meeting, and, unless immediate action is necessary, a type-written copy shall be sent to each Vice President General and State Regent in time for them to express an opinion before the next meeting of the Board, at which the final action on the subject is to be taken. (American Monthly Magazine, Volume IV, page 394.)

General Directions.

1. The application for membership, when properly filled out and endorsed by at least one member of the Society, should be sent to the Chapter Registrar if the applicant joins through a Chapter. Applicants joining the National Society as members-at-large should send applications to the Registrars General. No member is admitted until her initiation fees and dues are paid.

2. Fees and dues of Chapter members should be paid to the Chapter Treasurers. Fees and dues of the members-at-large should be forwarded to the Treasurer General by Check or Money Order. *Never by cash.*

3. Certificates of membership and permits for the Ceremonial Badge are issued by the Registrars General.

4. Communications in regard to the formation of Chapters should be addressed to the State Regent or to the Vice President General in Charge of Organization.

5. Charters of Chapters are issued by the Recording Secretary General, who will forward blank for application on demand. The charter fee (\$5.00) should be paid to the Treasurer General.

6. Requests for supplies and communications addressed to the National Board should be sent to the Corresponding Secretary General.

7. Orders for articles sold by the National Society, and inquiries addressed to the office, should be sent to The Curator at headquarters. Orders should be accompanied by the price, which is as follows : Rosettes (the informal badge), 30 cents each ; Souvenir Spoons, tea, \$2.50 to \$3.00 ; coffee, \$1.50 to \$2.00, according to material used. Note paper, with the Society water mark, 50 cents for 5 quires ; same with insignia, 90 cents ; envelopes to match, 50 and 90 cents respectively. Lineage Book, Vol. 1, 50 cents. Directory of officers and members, 1896, 50 cents.

8. Contributions to the *American Monthly Magazine* and orders should be sent to the Editor and Business Manager respectively, 902 F street, Washington, D. C.

9. Members desiring to change their membership from one Chapter to another must take with them to said Chapter a Transfer Card signed by the Regent, Registrar and Recording Secretary of the Chapter of which they are a member and a copy of the duplicate papers on file of said Chapter, and this copy of their duplicate papers must be marked, *Copy of Duplicate*, in order to distinguish this copy from the original duplicate papers.



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